

## Titiwai Choir T-Shirts

If any choir members still have red Titiwai t-shirts please bring these to school so they can be returned to Martha.

## Thank you

Our sincere thanks to Alannah, Batch, Lucas, James, Katie, and Mark and Ethan Gibson for their commitment and expertise in putting up the awning and laying new concrete over the summer break.

Thanks Alannah and Batch for regularly leading the grounds maintenance teams and working at making our school look great. A fantastic job!

Also, thank you Batch for getting the pool up and running for the new school year. Our school is looking wonderful!

## Community News

**Junior Badminton** – Term 1, 2013. For players 8yrs and older - \$2 per person, includes racket hire. Monday's from 3.30pm to 5pm @ Waitomo Sports Stadium, King Street, Te Kuiti. Starting Monday 11 February, then every Monday for the term. *Skill sessions with KiwiSport Officer Tracey Hallam. Coach workshops with SportsForce Development Officer Phil Paterson will be offered to parents and club members.* For more information, phone Michelle 878 6805 or Dede at Sport Waikato 878 7867.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

11 February	Kick-Start classes resume
12 February	Parent meeting and BBQ
17 February	Weetbix Tryathlon
20 February	Board meeting
26 Feb-1 Mar	Wellington City Camp
27 February	Small Schools Swimming Sports
28 February	Hamilton City Excursion
28 February	Totara Class sleep-over
6 March	COP's Swimming Sports
8 March	Waitomo Interschool's Swimming
13 Mar-19 Apr	Principal Release
15 March	Community Assembly

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# Newsletter

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Term One 2013

Week One – 8 February

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings and welcome back to a new school year. We extend a very special welcome to our newest students Van Gray, who turned five recently, Arahia Trent, Pirihihi Walters-Anderson, Whitira Hepi and Jaide, Karne, Tane and Huri Barlow. Welcome Barrie Barlow & Sandra Gerrard and Johanna & Hari Green to our school and parent community. Welcome also to parents and caregivers Jamie & Gareth, Tania, and Auntie Josephine, we value your continued support.

We have begun the year with an exciting group of 52 students. Kowhai class consists of 17 Year 1 to 2 students, Totara class has 13 Year 3 & 4 students and Kauri class has 22 Year 5 to 8 students.

Ms Easton will be teaching in Kowhai class, Mr Julian Dimond in Totara class situated in the library, with Mrs Dimond in Kauri class who will be teaching full time for the first half of the term. Mrs Julia Robertson will teach for the remainder of term one until Mrs Felicity Steger returns from maternity leave in Term 2.

Following the March 1 Ministry Roll Return we will be expecting confirmation of becoming a three teacher school. We will keep you updated regarding this exciting development.



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Welcome Rachel Stubbs to our teaching staff. Rachel has begun daily swimming tuition for the whole school and shares her expertise in teaching swimming and water safety skills. We also have available Ben Draper from Sport Energize concentrating on cricket and volleyball skills fortnightly.

In Term 2 we look forward to introducing Whaea Te Ingo Ngaia to support our Te Reo Maori programme and Kapa Haka as part of a Maori Performing Arts programme.

Office administrator Mrs Glenys George will be working three to four mornings a week. We also welcome back Mrs Sandra Morgan our faithful cleaner.

### **Parent Meeting**

There is a very important parent meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12 February at 3.15pm. Some items on the agenda include parent help, strategic plans, targets, the charter, community and cultural relationship policy update. Please attend as parents will receive curriculum dates to plan for the year. Teachers will also brief our parent community on routines and procedures within the junior, middle and senior classes.

Following the parent meeting parents and children are asked to stay on for get together dinner. Sausages and bread will be provided and we invite you to bring along a salad to share.

### **Swimming**

With the swimming season underway all students will have daily swimming lessons in our school pool. All pupils are expected to participate and parents are asked to send along a note to the teacher if they wish to have their child excused from swimming for health reasons. Swimming attire is very important. Girls should wear a one piece suit and boys short shorts. Big baggy rashies, t-shirts and shorts restrict children from developing correct swimming techniques and buoyancy. Rashies keep the children cold and are only useful for protecting them from the sun. We provide sunscreen that does this job successfully. We also recommend students wear swimming caps to prevent long hair obstructing vision while in the water.



### **School Lunches**

School is no longer providing school lunches or morning tea. Some local businesses are looking into this option and we will inform parents if opportunities arise. The pie warmer is no longer available for heating food. Also please do not send noodles to school.

### **Camp**

The Year 5 to 8 students will be involved in the four yearly city camp scheduled for Tuesday 26 February to Friday 1 March. This year the group will be traveling to Wellington to be involved in some exciting city experiences.

The Year 1 to 4 students will also be participating in city experiences in Hamilton on Thursday 28 February and Year 3 and 4 students will have a camp-out sleepover at school that evening with staff and parents.

### **Technology 2013**

Year 7 & 8 students will begin manual training on Tuesday 12 February. Children are required to have suitable covered footwear for safety reasons. These students will be involved in curriculum specialist subjects at Otorohanga South Technology Centre which will be every Tuesday afternoon. Seniors will be transported by bus leaving school at 12.40pm and return at 2.50pm.

### **Tryathlon**

There are 19 students representing our school and participating in the annual Weetbix Tryathlon in Hamilton on Sunday 17 February. All the best and good luck James, John, Ratapu, Siân, Blaze, Maddison, Jaide, Karne, Tane, Thomas, Kyah, Max, Georjah, Keely, Arahia, Lilly, Taylor, Elijah and Alex.



### **Stationery**

By week 3 all children will have their allocation of stationery for the school year. Please be advised that stationery fee invoices will be sent home around week 6.



### **Kick-Start Classes**

Kick-Start to School Classes resume on Monday 11 February for the term. This term Kate Murchie, Alex Burgess, Paengawhawa Henry-Wi, Edan Stubbs and Sage Sandison will be joined by Hazel Kersel, Tzar Downs and Riley Whitehead.